



COSMETICS CASE

This non-provisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) based on Patent Application No. 2003-0074166 filed in Korea on October 23, 2003, the subject matter of which is herein incorporated by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a cosmetics case for storing cosmetics in ^a powder state, such as ^a foundation product, and more particularly, to a cosmetics case including a receptacle shape of ^a body formed with thresholds on both sides of inner top portion of the body, a cover connected to ^a top portion of the body having hook grooves corresponding to the thresholds to engage together and/or separate ^{from} each other in only one direction and a sponge type cosmetic aid (=tool) coupled directly to the cover, whereby a user can hold a knob of the cover and conveniently apply make-up in a stable position.

2. Description of the Related Art

Conventionally, referring to Figs 4 and 5, a cosmetics case 1 for receiving cosmetics, such as foundation^s used to basically manage facial skin, includes a cylindrical body 10

having an inner partition 11, a cover 20 connected to the top portion of the body 10 and an additional sponge type cosmetic aids 23 ^{positioned} [carried] above the partition 11, the partition 11 storing the cosmetics 15, such as (the) ^a foundation ^{material} at bottom portion thereof.

Since the conventional cosmetics case 1 has the cover 20 and the cosmetic aids 23 individually separated, the user [should] ^{must} firstly open the cover 20 and [get] ^{place} the cosmetics 15 ^{in contact with} (on) the cosmetic aids 23 additionally provided inside the case body 10, to powder her face. ^{the user} [she] also needs to grip the cosmetic aids 23 by hand ^{which} [to] often cause ^{problems} (troubles) of staining the hands with the cosmetics and [making dirty parts of] ^{contaminating} the cosmetics by touching it with the hands.

In addition [to], since the cover 20 connected to the top portion of the body 10 is only in a loose-fitting status to allow the convenient use of the cosmetics case, [but] ^{it} involves (a) the drawback of having no structural component for connecting the body 10 and the cover 20 together ^{and} to make the cover 20 [to be] easily released ^{able} (d) from the body 10 ^{while preventing the} [thereby pouring down the] ^{in body 10} cosmetic aids 23 and/or the cosmetics contained therein if, for example, the cosmetics case 1 comes down ^{from separating from the body} through carelessness.

[Still,] ^A although another structure of cosmetics case was proposed ^{the cosmetic case} in which (a) body ^{is} [was] connected (with a) ^{to the} cover (by) ^{with} screws, ^{such a} ^{structure creates a great} (it occurred an) inconvenience in use [because it required both hands to open the cover during the make-up].

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is, therefore, an object of the present invention [is] to solve the above problems [in particular, ^{by providing} proposes] a cosmetics case ^{which is conveniently assembled and contains} ^{which is detachable} having convenience of assembling and detaching a cover from the case. ^{the cosmetic case} and including a receptacle (shape of body) formed with thresholds on both sides of ^{the} upper portion inside ^{receptacle} the body, a cover connected to ^{the} top portion of ^{the receptacle} the body having hook grooves ^{which} corresponding ^{and engage} to the thresholds [to engage together] and/or ^{therefrom} separate [each other] in only one direction and a sponge type cosmetic aid coupled directly to the cover, whereby a user can hold the cover and conveniently apply make-up in a stable [position] manner.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The above object, features and advantages of the present invention will become more apparent to those skilled in the related art from the following detailed description [for preferred embodiments] taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawing, (in which:) wherein,

Fig. 1 is an exploded perspective view of ^{the} a cosmetics case according to the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the cosmetics case according to the present invention, showing it in an [assembly] assembled

state
[status];

Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the cosmetics case according to the present invention, showing it ^{*its*} ^{*state*} [in] assembly [status];

Fig. 4 is an exploded perspective view of a conventional
5 cosmetics case; and

Fig. 5 is a sectional view of Fig. 4.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

10 The present invention will be described in more detail ^{*(be)*} with reference to the following embodiments which are presented for purpose of illustration ^{*only*} and should not be construed to limit the scope of the ^{*present*} invention ^{*(thereto)*}.

Figs. 1 to 3 represent a preferred embodiment of the
15 present invention. [It will be illustrated] ^{*The*} the same reference ^{*numerals*} [numerical symbols for structural components of the cosmetics case which are substantially identical to those represented in conventional cosmetics cases.] ^{*are used throughout all the figures to indicate like elements*}

The cosmetics case 1, according to the present invention,
20 has [an advantage to] ^{*a*} conveniently ^{*mechanism between*} open/close the top portion of a body 10 ^{*and*} [with] a cover 20, ^{*thus,*} [in which] thresholds 12 are formed in two positions on both sides of the inner surrounding wall of the body 10 and two removable hook grooves 22 corresponding to the above thresholds 12 are formed in two positions on the
25 outer surrounding wall of the cover 20, the hook grooves 22

being dimpled in only one direction to allow the thresholds 12 to be assembled [to] and released from the grooves 22 in the only ^{one} direction.

The cover 20 has a fixing member 24 fitted inside a knob 21 by a fitting member 26 in order to secure the cosmetic aids 23 to the cover 20, [and] ^A a sponge type flexible body 27 and a flexible cover 29 together fixed and connected to the cover 20 by a ring type holder 28, all ^{form} [of which are] parts of the cosmetic aids 23.

Such construction of the cosmetics case 1 according to the present invention has ^{the} (a) benefit to easily and conveniently open/close the cover 20 by a simple connection between the thresholds 12 and the hook grooves 22 which are formed on the inner side of the body 10 and on the outer surrounding wall of the cover 20, respectively, and assembled together and released from each other to open and close the cover 20, whereby it can be used ^{for application to} [to paint] the user's face.

Additionally, the cosmetic aids 23 is integrated with the cover 20 by the fixing member 24 and the holder 28 at bottom portion of the cover 20, whereby the user can open the cover 20 and hold the knob 21 of the cover 20 simultaneously ^{and} then apply make-up when using the cosmetics case 1.

As described in detail above, the cosmetics case according to the present invention includes ^a (the) body and ^a (the) cover to be assembled [with] and disassembled ^{from the cover by the} thresholds ^{using}

and [the] hook grooves which are formed on the inner side of the body and on the outer surrounding wall of the cover, respectively, to attain ^{the} convenient opening and closing thereof.

[when applying make-up.] In addition [to], since the cosmetic ^{aids} ~~aids~~

5 is directly coupled to the cover, the user can hold the cover and ^{apply cosmetics to the} [paint her] ^{face} in a stable position. [Still] ^F further, because the user holds the knob of the cover to powder ^{her} ^{the} face, [it can greatly reduce staining the cosmetic aids.] *convenience of application is greatly enhanced.*

The invention being thus described, it will be obvious
10 that the same may be varied in many ways. Such variations are not to be regarded as a departure from the spirit and scope of the invention, and all such modifications as would be obvious to one skilled in the art are intended to be included within the scope of the following claims.